

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed April 18, 2005. At the time of the Final Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, and 21-23 were pending in this Application. Claims 10-20 were previously canceled due to an election/restriction requirement. Claims 2-6 and 22-23 were previously canceled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7-9 were rejected, and Claims 1 and 21 were allowed. Applicants amend Claims 1, 7-9, and 21, and respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 7-9 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended Claims 7-9 to overcome these rejections and respectfully request full allowance of Claims 7-9 as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 21 were allowed.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 7-9 would be allowable if written to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office. Applicants have amended Claims 7-9 to overcome these objections.

Applicants submit new Claims 24-26 dependent on allowed Claim 21 and submit they are in condition for allowance and request favorable action.

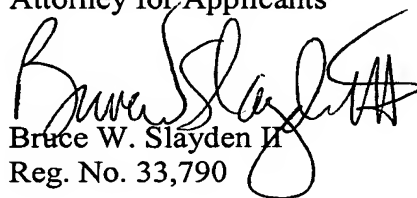
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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